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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 299

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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF SURETY CONTRACTS BY NURSING HOMES."

1 Strike lines 8 to 44, inclusive, and insert the following in lieu thereof:

"(b) [Nursing] For surety contracts entered into on and before September 30, 2011, nursing home facilities, as defined in section 19a-521, shall be prohibited from enforcing a surety contract on behalf of an applicant required as a condition of admission unless: (1) The guarantor under such contract or [his] the guarantor's spouse, [or his children] child or [his grandchildren] grandchild has received an assignment or transfer or other disposition of property for less than fair market value, pursuant to section 17b-261, from the applicant; or (2) the applicant fails to return a properly completed application for Title XIX benefits to the Department of Social Services in accordance with its regulations; and (3) such contract contains a clause which states the contract is enforceable against the guarantor or [his] the guarantor's spouse, [or his children] child or [his grandchildren]

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grandchild if such guarantor or [his] the guarantor's spouse, [or his children] child or [his grandchildren have] grandchild has received an assignment or transfer or other disposition of property for less than fair market value, pursuant to section 17b-261, from the applicant or if said applicant fails to return a properly completed application for Title XIX benefits to the Department of Social Services in accordance with its regulations.

(c) For contracts and admission agreements entered into on and after October 1, 2011, nursing home facilities, as defined in section 19a-521, shall be prohibited from enforcing a contract with a third-party guarantor or an admissions agreement entered into with a responsible party who has access to an applicant's or resident's assets or financial information unless: (1) The guarantor under such contract or the guarantor's spouse, child or grandchild has received an assignment or transfer or other disposition of property for less than fair market value, pursuant to section 17b-261, from the applicant; or (2) the applicant fails to return a properly completed application for Title XIX benefits to the Department of Social Services in accordance with its regulations; and (3) such contract or admissions agreement contains a notice advising the applicant and third-party guarantor or responsible party that: (A) The contract or agreement is enforceable against the guarantor, the guarantor's spouse, child or grandchild if such guarantor or the guarantor's spouse, child or grandchild has received an assignment or transfer or other disposition of property for less than fair market value, pursuant to section 17b-261, from the applicant or if said applicant fails to return a properly completed application for Title XIX benefits to the Department of Social Services in accordance with its regulations; (B) state and federal law prohibit a nursing home facility from requiring a third party to personally guarantee payment as a condition of admission or continued stay in the facility; and (C) due to the complexity involved in preparing an application for Title XIX benefits, it may be advisable for the person completing such application to seek professional assistance or legal advice. Such notice shall be written in not less than fourteen-point, boldface type, shall be

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49 stated in plain and simple language and, whenever possible and in

50 accordance with any applicable federal guidelines, shall be in the

51 primary language of the recipient."